



CSBG Success Story

Please submit success story to Mandalyn Mackey at mandalyn.mackey@commerce.wa.gov. If you have questions, contact Mandalyn at 360-725-2854. Due Date: The 10th of the month the story is due.

Date: 04/09/2010

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1. Success Story is for:	<input type="checkbox"/> ARRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FFY 09 (skip to question 7) <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 10 (skip questions 5 & 6)
2. CSBG Project Name:	Weatherization
3. Project Budget:	\$
4. Number of clients expected to serve:	
5. Number of jobs expected to be created/retained as a result of this project:	
6. Number of jobs actually created/retained as a result of this project to date:	
7. Brief project/activity description:	Conservation Education
8. How will this project help clients, build community and form new partnerships? What aspects of the project would you like to share with the public:	
<p>HopeSource Weatherization Program AmeriCorps Story –A. Rose Shriner March 30, 2010</p> <p>My role as an Individual Placement at HopeSource’s Weatherization Program is unique in comparison to other Weatherization AmeriCorps volunteers. I handle 99% of the intakes in addition to assisting with energy audits. I am the first person to talk to and visit the homes of most weatherization applicants and report back to the weatherization staff to determine whether we should treat them as full projects or not. My primary priority is to find a way that I can benefit an applicant, whether it is by providing information, CFLs, or another form of conservation education. In September I reviewed an application for a home that according to the Kittitas County Assessor’s Website, was a farmhouse built in 1921. I scheduled a visit with the owner to see what we could do to help lower her utility bills. She was elderly woman that had been born and raised in the home. When I inspected the home I discovered a “unique” custom oil furnace in the basement that looked like it was Octo-Man from a Spiderman movie. There were many other factors that made it a clear deferral as a full weatherization project, but she was still an excellent candidate for some conservation education. During my second visit to the home I discussed a breakdown of her annual utility bill and showed what she could do to conserve more energy. One of the things we identified was her 1960’s chest freezer. It looked like the emblem on the freezer should belong to a hood of ’57 Chevy BelAir. Her Sears ColdSpot chest freezer may</p>	

have been the Cadillac in the 1960's, but it was now costing her approximately \$200 a year. A new upright energy star freezer usually only costs around \$40 a year. I informed her how the chest freezer was affecting her baseload and how she could save money. This appointment had occurred in late September, and I had not heard of any follow-up to the appointment. During a recent community event she sought me out and informed me that she had disposed of the freezer and purchased a new energy star freezer. Information is power, and I have found that sometimes simply discussing an annual utility bill and informing clients is the best way to empower them to make their own cost-effective decisions and save money.